GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF FLOOD WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any short or long term measures have been taken by the Government to conserve flood water, for use in drought affected States; and

(b) if so, how far these have proved affected to control miseries and devastation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Water being a State subject, all water resources projects including those for conservation of flood water are planned, implemented and maintained by the concerned State Governments. A number of projects have been implemented in the country with the objective of conserving river flow during the monsoon and its use during non-monsoon period for various purposes. Multipurpose projects have also been planned and implemented with the objectives of flood management as well as other uses. Schemes for watershed development also help to some extent in reducing intensity of flood and conservation of water. As a long term measure, the Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers which will inter-alia mitigate floods and combat droughts.

(b) The multipurpose projects with flood control as one of its objectives have been found to be very effective in controlling miseries and devastation.